(*b*) whether the rate allowed to them is the same as that allowed to other Unions; and

(*c*) if not, whether any special concession is given to them to levy a higher rate?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) No rate has been fixed.

(*b*) & (*c*). Do not arise.

MR T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the rate is fixed for any other Unions?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is there any provision under which either the Department or the Government can fix any rate?

RAO RAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I doubt if there is any provision I think they can only fix the maximum rate.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know who is responsible for fixing the maximum rates? Is it the Police Department or the Traffic Superintendent of Police or the Government?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say off-hand whether it is the Traffic Superintendent or other person. Certainly it is the duty of the Police.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member whether the State cars are exempted from the operation of the Motor Vehicles Regulation?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) They are not altogether exempt from the provisions of the Regulation. They are exempt only from certain portions of the Regulation.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member whether a separate speed limit is fixed for the State cars?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that there is great disparity in the rates per mile adopted by different owners of cars?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I am aware.

Opening of a dispensary at Mannuparambu.

181. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation was made to open a dispensary at Mannuparambu in the Kunnatnad taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govern-met*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were told that, since Mannuparrmbu is only 7 miles from Perumbavur and 5 from Muvattupuzha, where there are well-equipped departmental medical institutions, Government did not consider it necessary to open a new dispensary at the place.

Promotions of clerks in the Excise Department as Sub-Inspectors.

182. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*); Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of those clerks in the Excise Department who were declared unfit to hold Sub-Inspectors' posts by Mr. Van Ross while he was the Excise Commissioner;

(*b*) whether any of them was promoted to the post of Sub-Inspector since the present Commissioner took charge;

(*c*) if so, their names and the grade to which they were promoted; and

(*d*) whether Government sanction had been obtained before doing so?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) 1. A. Thanu Aiyar
2. M. Velayudha Panickar
3. E. Gomez.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) N. Velayudha Panickar was promoted as acting 3rd Grade Sub-Inspector.

(*d*) Government sanction is not necessary.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know what is the principle involved in promoting an officer who has been declared incompetent by a former Head of the Department?

PRESIDENT: You cannot question the discretion of the officer who promotes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether there are any departmental rules in regard to the principle of recruitment as well as promotions in the Excise Department?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no particular principle for the Excise Department alone. It is common for all the public service.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know under what circumstances the gentlemen, whose names the Excise Commissioner just now gave, were declared as inefficient for recruitment as Inspectors by Mr. Van Ross?

PRESIDENT: We connot enter into the details of disqualification which one officer might have remarked about a subordinate. It does not improve the position in any case nor does it add to the knowledge

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